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TO CONTRACT FOR 3 MILLION HOGS;
SPRING SOWING PLAN EXCEEDED

TO BEGIN 1 JULY -- Trybuna Ludu, No 171, 24 Jun 49

In accordance with the resolution passed by the Economic Committee, Council of Ministers, the Peasant Self-Aid rural cooperatives will begin 1 July 1949 contracting for 3 million head of hogs.

On 23 June 1949, a joint conference was held in Warsaw for the purpose of discussing all problems connected with this new program.

All speakers at this conference claimed that the figure of 3 million head of hogs will be easily reached because of the favorable terms offered to farmers in the new contracting program.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINE CENTERS CULTIVATE 350,000 HECTARES -- Rzecznosc polska, No 169, 22 Jun 49

In this year's spring sowing, 2,599 village agricultural machine centers and 3,187 community machine centers participated. These centers provided 1,746 tractors and nearly 18,000 drills for the spring sowing. The area cultivated reached 66,142 as against the planned 52,128 hectares (117 percent of plan). The average area cultivated by each tractor was 39 hectares.

Nearly 280,000 hectares were sown by drills during the spring season as against 86,000 hectares for 1948, an increase of nearly 200,000 hectares.

In addition, the cooperative agricultural machine centers rendered many other services to the farmers. Nearly 19,000 hectares of land were fertilized, harrowed, rolled, etc., and 39,772 quintals of grain were winnowed.

The tractors are used for reclamation of fallow lands. As of 15 May 1949, the cooperative agricultural machine centers reclaimed nearly 5,000 hectares of fallow land.

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The highest results were shown by the village agricultural machine centers in Bydgoszcz Wojewodztwo. Cultivation and sowing were 123 and 153 percent of plan, respectively. The other wojewodztwos showing good results were Szczecin, Poznan, and Wroclaw.

CHICORY CONTRACTING COMPLETED -- Rzeczypospolita, No 172, 25 Jun 49

The Associated Industrial Enterprises of Coffee and Food Substitutes recently completed chicory contracting for the current year; 7,350 hectares were brought under contract, completing the plan 118 percent. This area is twice as large as before the war and almost twice as large as the area under contract last year.

The 6-year plan foresees a further expansion of chicory plantations and an increase to 150 quintals in the yield per hectare.

In 1949, expensive Belgian chicory seed was replaced by domestic seed.

SLASK WOJEWODZTWO FOR BEES GOOD CROPS -- Rzeczypospolita, No 172, 25 Jun 49

Reports from the entire Slask Wojewodztwo indicate good crops of sugar beets, grain, hay, and potatoes. The clover crop looks especially good. The harvest of the first crop began 2 weeks before schedule. The yield is estimated at 30 quintals per hectare.

The grain crop also looks good. An average yield of 14 to 16 quintals from one hectare of winter oats and about 12 quintals from one hectare of spring oats is expected. The average yield of oats and barley from one hectare this year will be between 14 and 16 quintals.

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